MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI :
669. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 2,58,717 under Demand IV by Re. 1.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI :
470. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 2,58,717 under Demand IV by Re. 1.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE :
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474. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 2,58,717 under Demand IV by Re. 1.

DEMAND No. IV—General Administration excluding Account Office and Legislative Bodies and including Public Service Commissioner for Rs. 2,58,717 was put to vote of the House and carried.

DEMAND V—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION—LEGISLATIVE BODIES —Rs. 55,000.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, I move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 55,000 under Demand V—General Administration—Legislative Bodies

Motion No. 475.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI :
475 To reduce the allotment of Rs. 45,000 for travelling allowances by Re. 1.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*) : Sir, according so the ruling of the Chair this morning, I cannot raise the point that I wish to raise. So I do not move it.

Motions Nos. 476 to 478.

The following motions were not moved :—

MR. K. PADMANABHAN :
476. To reduce the allotment of Rs 45,000 fer travelling allowances by Re. 1.

MR. K. SANKARAN :
477. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 45,000 for travelling allowances by Re. 1.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI :
478. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 45,000 for travelling allowances by Re- 1.

Motion No. 479.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : Sir, I move :

"To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,000 for purchase of books and periodicals by Re. 1 to suggest methods for improvements in the working of the Library."

It must be admitted by all who have had occasion to use the Legislative Council Library that there are very many inconveniences which we have to put up with and the library is not serving the purpose for which it is intended, Sir, from the new catalogue of books in the library, it would be seen that more than 85 per cent. of the books are put under the item "Reference Books." Nobody who has anything to do with books and libraries can by any stretch of imagination call certain

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books included in this as reference books. The Assistant Secretary or the Secretary, who is responsible for the arrangements in the library seems to have paid absolutely no consideration to the use for which the library has been intended. We find that there are certain books and from the lack of convenience that subsists in the matter of reading and working inside the library, it will be absolutely impossible to make any use of such books, since all the books on which we may have to bestow time are put under the item " Reference Books. " There seems to be no rhyme or reason for it. I have had occasion to point out these difficulties particularly to the Secretary and on various occasions I have represented the matter personally and also given petitions. For petitions, I got no reply. We could not get the opportunity of properly using them. If the library is meant to be utilised for the purpose it is intended and made full use of by the members of this Assembly, the whole system and the whole arrangement must be remodelled. Originally, this library was called the Legislative Council Library, I suppose that this House is the successor of the old Legislative Council and as such the Legislative Council Library ought in fairness be put under the control of the Secretary to the Sri Mulam Assembly. As I understand, he is a man who will be more competent to deal with books. He is one who is more competent and who has got greater acquaintance with books and Parliamentary proceedings and the needs of the House, as he had the special occasion to study the use of libraries in other Houses as in the Imperial Legislative Assembly. I hope that Government will be pleased to consider this matter and place the library under the control and management of the Secretary to the Assembly as they ought to. I am sure he will be able to make the library more useful to the Legislative Bodies.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Is it your opinion that it should be entrusted to the Assembly Secretary and not to the Council Secretary or to the gentleman now holding the post ? You made some remarks about that.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : Because the work of the Secretary to the Sri Mulam Assembly is more onerous and greater than that of the Secretary to the State Council and as I hope that always the Assembly Secretary, whoever he may be, will have extra training with regard to the Legislative bodies, I think it will be safer to put the Legislative Library under the control and management of the Assembly Secretary. Moreover, the number of Assembly members is larger than that of the Council members who use it and under the special circumstances in which we are ———

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Mr. Kunjukrishna Pillai, is it that you mean that members of the Assembly use the library more frequently than members of the Council ?

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : No; what I mean is that the number of members in the Assembly is larger than that of the Council. The Assembly Secretary will be able to help the members of

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the Assembly and meet their needs in a better way than the Secretary to the State Council. It will be seen that the library is fast degenerating. One who is acquainted with the library will see that proper books are not got down and amounts allotted for it lapse, all because there is no one who is competent to advise Government with regard to the equipment of the library and its use. I think there will absolutely be no voice against this suggestion and I bring this matter to the attention of the Government with the sole purpose of making the library more useful and beneficial to the House. With these words, I move the motion for the acceptance of the House.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : Sir, I support the motion. The position taken by the mover is one which cannot be disputed by the Government, because, when the Legislative Reforms were put sought to be put into effect the Government thought that there should be somebody to get special training in the line and then it was the Secretary to the Assembly that was deputed by the Government to study the working of Reformed Legislatures elsewhere. Therefore it must have been the intention of the Government to give him as much work as possible pertaining to the legislatures in the State. But we are at a loss to understand the historical reasons that weighed with the Government to entrust the work of the library alone to the Secretary to the State Council. Therefore I am quite sure that the Government member in charge of the subject will have absolutely no objection to accept the suggestions made by the learned mover.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*) : Who is in charge of the library ?

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : My information is that there is one fair Assistant Secretary.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : There is an Assistant Secretary.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : There is one Assistant Secretary who is in charge of the library. My information is that he is Secretary to the State Council. According to the observations made by the Chief Secretary, he has got much work to attend to and as such the Chief Secretary was justifying the position of Government in alloting Rs. 50 to him. It is absolutely unjust for the Government to refute the position taken by the mover. Then, as it is stated, the Assembly members are expected to use the library———

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Let us not create difference of opinion between the Assembly and the Council. Let us take it that each House is benefited by the library. Let us confine our remarks to this House.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : I note that. In view of the circumstances that there is a lot confusion, a lot of mis-application and misplacing of books as detailed by the learned mover and also in view of the fact that the Government should be presumed to have intended to place the library primarily under the control of the Secretary to the Assembly, whoever he may be, I submit that the Government would certainly be doing only the right thing if they accept the suggestion made by the learned mover.

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RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): Sir, I have great pleasure in supporting this motion. I have seen Council Libraries elsewhere, I had a great deal to do with the Council Library here some years ago and I find that it is more or less in the same condition in which I found it then.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know from the member whether he had suggested any improvement when he was in charge ?

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): I am not concerned with that. I am here only to state what the present circumstances are. What I wish to point out is that this library, by no means, is up to date. In several departments of knowledge, *e. g.* economics, politics, and administration, a number of books have to be purchased and a larger number of them should be made available to the members. The accommodation is insufficient and the periodicals are few. Apart from the question whether it is the Assembly Secretary or the Council Secretary that should be in charge of it, I make a suggestion to the effect that a small Committee may be constituted from among the members of the Assembly and the State Council to help the Secretary, whoever he is, for the purpose of improving the library and making it up-to-date.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): Sir, I support the motion under discussion. My first point is that the present name of the library is a misnomer. During the days of the old Council, the library came to be called the Legislative Council Library. I doubt whether that name supports the present position.

Sir, I would recommend that instead of the present name "Legislative Council Library" the Library should be called hereafter "Legislative Library."

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): That is the present name.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): No. Sir, I find a board there with the inscription "Legislative Council Library." That should not be allowed to remain there. The name to be inscribed there must be "Legislative Library."

Coming to the substantial improvements with regard to the library I must say our Library is not quite up-to-date. We have not got the most up-to-date books on various subjects useful to the members of the two Legislative bodies. The recommendations or suggestions made by the members now and then for the purchase of very important and useful books are not promptly attended to. Again, the accommodation in the Library room is far from satisfactory. Sir, a Library room where the Honourable members of this House as well as the other House are expected to go and read books and make references should be a very decent room with sufficient accommodation and other conveniences. I hope that, whatever be the inadequacy of accommodation and other things with regard to the present Library, when the new Council Hall is built by the Government, proper accommodation will

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be provided for housing the Library and for enabling the members to go to the Library and make use of the same.

Then again, Sir, I doubt whether the proceedings of the Houses of Parliament are now got down in the present Library. I think we now subscribe only for the proceedings of the House of Commons and not for the proceedings of the House of Lords. I think it is quite necessary that we should get a full set of the whole proceedings of both the Houses of Parliament, I mean the House of Commons and the House of Lords. I request Government that the proceedings should be made complete and should be made up-to-date also. Sometimes, it is long after the time to which the proceedings relate that we are able to get these books. With these words, I support the motion.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I also support the motion. The Library as it is managed at present is not at all useful to the members of the Legislative Assembly or the Legislative Council when they are in session. So the suggestion that the Library must be placed directly under the control and management of the Legislative Assembly is a very useful suggestion which we request the Government would be pleased to accept.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: What was said was that it should be placed not under the Legislative Assembly but under a Board consisting of members belonging to this House and the other House.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I am coming to that point about the formation of the Board.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Nobody said it should be left to the Legislative Assembly because there is no such thing.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): My suggestion is that the Library must be placed directly under the control and management of Sri Mulam Assembly Secretary, and not under the Legislative Assembly.

With regard to the suggestion made by my friends that a non-official Board must be formed and the Library must be placed under the management of the Assembly Secretary as well as that non-official Board, I would submit, Sir, that the suggestion is a little bit "cumbersome", to use an expression that was used by another honourable member of this House on a different occasion. It would be of immense use to us, the members of the Sri Mulam Assembly as well as the members of the Sri Chitra State Council, if the Library is placed under the management of one individual, and that too an individual who has got great experience of the Legislative Council proceedings as well as management of Libraries and kindred subjects.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether the member is aware that the Trivandrum Public Library is managed by a Committee?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I know it.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam*): May I know whether it is cumbersome?

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): There is a great difference between the management of the Trivandrum Public Library and the Legislative Assembly Library. The main purpose for which the Legislative Assembly Library exists is not to see that the books are distributed or the members are permitted to take books to their homes. But, when we are engaged in discussing some very important subject on topics in the Assembly or Council, we must have the convenience to command books that are in the Library for reference and for that purpose the Assembly Secretary is the proper person under whose management the Library must be placed. With these words, I support the motion.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): ഞാൻ ഈ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ അനുകൂലിക്കുന്നു. തിരുവനന്തപുരം പട്ടണത്തിലെ സ്ഥിരതാമസക്കാരല്ലാത്ത സഭാംഗങ്ങൾക്കു ഈ ലൈബ്രറികൊണ്ടു ലഭിയ്ക്കുവുന്ന ഉപകാരങ്ങൾക്കു ഇപ്പോൾ നേരിട്ടിട്ടുള്ള ചില തടസ്ഥങ്ങളെ സഭയുടെ ദൃഷ്ടിയിൽ കൊണ്ടുവരണമെന്നുള്ളതാണു് എന്റെ ഉദ്ദേശം. സാധാരണയായി ഏ ദിവസത്തിനു മേൽ പുസ്തകങ്ങൾവച്ചു കൊണ്ടിരിക്കാൻ പാടില്ലെന്നാണു് നിയമം. ദൂരസ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽ താമസിക്കുന്ന സഭാംഗങ്ങൾക്കു ഈ അവധിക്കുള്ളിൽ പുസ്തകങ്ങൾ തിരിയെ ഏല്പിക്കുന്നതിനു വളരെ പ്രയാസവും ചിലവും ഉണ്ടാകുന്നുണ്ടു്. ഞാൻ ഈ ലൈബ്രറിയിൽ നിന്നും രണ്ടു പുസ്തകങ്ങൾ എടുത്തു കൊണ്ടുപോയിരുന്നു. തിരിയെ അയക്കണമെന്നു് നിർബന്ധമായ നോട്ടീസ്സു് വന്നപ്പോൾ പുസ്തകം തിരിയെ അയയ്ക്കേണ്ടിവന്നു. അതു അഞ്ചലിൽ അയച്ചതിനു ഒരണ അരചക്രം എനിക്കു ചിലവായി.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kakulam I*): വായിച്ചു കഴിഞ്ഞശേഷമൊ അഞ്ചലിൽ അയച്ചതു്?

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): അതിലേക്കാണു് കൊണ്ടുപോയതു്.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Such light-hearted questions are not permissible. A member takes a book certainly for reading. They are all matters which should not be questioned at all.

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): അങ്ങനെ ഒരണ അരചക്രം ചിലവാക്കിയതിനുശേഷം പിന്നീടു് പുസ്തകം മടുക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള സൌകര്യമുണ്ടാകുന്നതു് അടുത്ത സെഷൻസിനു വേണ്ടി തിരുവനന്തപുരത്തു വരുമ്പോഴാണു്.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): പുസ്തകങ്ങൾ മലയാളത്തിലുള്ളതോ ഇംഗ്ലീഷിൽ ഉള്ളതോ കൊണ്ടുപോയതു്?

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): എനിക്കു ആവശ്യമെന്നു തോന്നിയ പുസ്തകം മടുത്തു കൊണ്ടുപോയി.

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തിരുവനന്തപുരം പട്ടണത്തിൽനിന്നും ദൂരെ പോയി താമസിക്കുന്നവർക്കു പുസ്തകങ്ങൾ തിരിയെ അയക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള ചിലവു സഭാംഗങ്ങളുടെ കയ്യിൽനിന്നും തന്നെ ചിലവു ചെയ്യാതിരിക്കത്തക്കവിധം ഒരു വ്യവസ്ഥ ഉണ്ടാക്കുകയാണെങ്കിൽ ദൂരസ്ഥലങ്ങളിലുള്ളവർക്കും ഈ ലൈബ്രറികൊണ്ടു ഉപയോഗപ്രദമായിത്തീരുമായിരുന്നു.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): ആ പുസ്തകങ്ങൾ അസംബ്ലി സെക്രട്ടറിയുടെ മേൽവിലാസത്തിൽ സർവീസ് സ്റ്റാമ്പ് ഒട്ടിച്ചു അയച്ചു നോക്കീട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): ഇരട്ടിചാർജ്ജ് കൊടുക്കേണ്ടി വരുമെന്നേയുള്ളൂ.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, the Library is now under the control of the Assistant Secretary in charge of the Legislative Section and not of the Secretary to the Council. It so happens that the Secretary to the Council is also the Assistant Secretary in charge of the Legislative Section. The Legislative Section is common to both the Assembly and the Council, and that is why, I believe, the Library has been placed under his charge. I do not say that it must remain under his charge only. The question whether it may be transferred to the control of the Assembly Secretary will be considered.

With regard to the reference books, Mr. Kunjukrishna Pillai said that a number of books have been marked as reference books. There are certain reference books which cannot be taken out of the Library; but if any member wants to refer to such books, he has to go to the Library and read them. Such reference books, should not be removed from the Library. But I shall see whether more books than are really necessary are treated as reference books.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Who is the officer that decides whether a book is a reference book or not?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Assistant Secretary in charge of the Library?

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether reference books are taken out by the officers from the Library?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Reference books are meant to be used in the Library only.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether Government are aware that reference books are sometimes missing, because the officers take them from there?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I am not aware, but I will enquire and stop the practice if it exists.

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MR. K. R. ELENKATH *(Kallkulam I)*: May I know whether provision is made for taking the reference books with the premission of the officer in charge ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI *(Chief Secretary to Government)* I do not think that reference books can be taken out of the Library. If there are defects in the working of the Library, they will be rectified.

Regarding accommodation, I must admit that it is insufficient. But it is not possible to provide additional accommodation now. When the new Legislative Chamber is built, the Library will get all the necessary conveniences. Government will give their best consideration to the suggestions made in this House and try to give effect to them as far as possible.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI *(Quilon I)*: Sir, in view of the satisfactory explanation of the Government member, I have very great pleasure to withdraw the motion.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Has the member leave to withdraw the motion ?

The motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

The House adjourned at 5 P. M.

K. MADHAVA KURUP,
Secretary to the Sri Mulam Assembly.

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